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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE SALES

1. AFTER RECEIVING KING HUSSEIN'S RELUCTANT CONCURRENCE AND AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS MORNING OF JULY 28 WITH BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES, ARRANGEMENT FOR POSTPONING DEADLINE ON CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF HAWK MISSILE SALE WAS AGREED TO. IT BECAME EVIDENT DURING CONSULTATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT POSTPONEMENT FOR 40 DAYS WOULD BE INADEQUATE, SINCE IT WOULD ALLOW ONLY ONE WORKING DAY AFTER CONGRESS RETURNED FROM RECESS SEPTEMBER 4. FOLLOWING OUR EXCHANGE WITH AMBASSADOR PICKERING TO ASSURE THAT THIS NEW WRINKLE WAS EXPLAINED TO KING AND RIFAI, WE THEREFORE UNDERTOOK, IF NECESSARY, TO RESUBMIT NOTIFICATION A THIRD TIME, FOR TOTAL OF 60 DAYS, TO PERMIT FULL 20-DAY PERIOD WHILE CONGRESS WILL BE IN SESSION AFTER RECESS.

2. OUR UNDERTAKINGS WERE INCORPORATED IN LETTERS TO  
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SPARKMAN AND MORGAN FROM ACTING SECRETARY, WHICH WERE DELIVERED EARLY AFTERNOON JULY 28. AT ABOUT SAME TIME, DOD RESUBMITTED NOTIFICATION OF HAWK LETTER OF OFFER TO CONGRESS (OUR CONSULTATIONS HAD INDICATED THAT THIS ADDI-

TIONAL EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH WOULD HELP ELICIT FAVORABLE REACTION ON THE HILL).

3. HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE MET AT 1400 AND AGREED TO DEFER ACTION ON RESOLUTION PASSED LAST WEEK BY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MET AT 1600 AND "TOOK NOTE" OF LETTER FROM ACTING SECRETARY; COMMITTEE TOOK NO ACTION ON CASE RESOLUTION.

4. REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES AGREED THAT VULCAN SALE NEED NOT BE MADE SUBJECT OF SIMILAR POSTPONEMENT ACTION. AFTER EXPIRATION OF 20-DAY PERIOD ON JULY 30, THEREFORE, WE WILL BE FREE TO PROCEED WITH LETTER OF OFFER ON THIS SALE. BRYEN OF SENATE COMMITTEE STAFF, HOWEVER, URGED US NOT TO PRESENT THIS AS ADMINISTRATION VICTORY, AND WE AGREED TO TREAT IT IN LOW-KEY, MATTER-OF-FACT WAY.

5. AS RESULT OF SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS TO PRESS BY SENATOR CASE, IMPRESSION HAS BEEN CREATED THAT INITIAL NOTIFICATION ON HAWK LETTER OF OFFER HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, THAT THIS IS A CONGRESSIONAL "VICTORY", AND THAT SIZE OF PACKAGE WILL HAVE TO BE REDUCED TO RECEIVE APPROVAL. WE ARE ENDEAVORING CORRECT THIS WITH THE PRESS, BUT SOME STORIES WILL CONTAIN THESE ASSERTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, WITHOUT ENGAGING IN PUBLIC DEBATE WITH CASE, WE ARE FACTUALLY EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES, EMPHASIZING THAT ARRANGEMENT WAS ARRIVED AT IN COOPERATIVE SPIRIT BETWEEN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESS IN ORDER TO GIVE MORE TIME TO EXPLORE WAYS OF WORKING THINGS OUT, THAT HAWK PACKAGE BEFORE THE CONGRESS REMAINS THE FULL PACKAGE WE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED, AND THAT WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO REDUCE SIZE OF PACKAGE. OUR POSITION IN THIS REGARD HAS UNFORTUANTELY BEEN WEAKENED BY LEAKS FROM FRIDAY'S SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION QUOTING OUT OF CONTEXT GENERAL BROWN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT JCS HAD INITIALLY RECOMMENDED ONLY  
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SIX HAWK BATTERIES FOR JORDAN.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ACTING SECRETARY'S LETTER TO BOTH COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (TEXT A) AND DOD LETTERS TO SAME ADDRESSEES PLUS SPEAKER OF HOUSE AND BOTH APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (TEXT B).

7. BEGIN TEXT A:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: IN CONNECTION WITH THE LETTER OF OFFER TO SELL HAWK MISSILES TO JORDAN SENT TO THE CONGRESS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON JULY 10, 1975, UNDER SECTION 36 (B) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AS AMENDED, WE WILL SUBMIT A NEW NOTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED LETTER OF

OFFER PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TWENTY-DAY PERIOD ON JULY 30, 1975, AND AGAIN RESUBMIT IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TIME PERIOD OF TWENTY DAYS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER IN VIEW OF THE CONGRESS' REGULAR AUGUST 1975 RECESS. IF NECESSARY, WE WILL, AT THE EXPIRATION OF THIS SECOND TWENTY-DAY PERIOD, RESUBMIT IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TWENTY DAYS. SINCERELY, ROBERT S. INGERSOLL, ACTING SECRETARY. END TEXT A.

8. BEGIN TEXT B:

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: PURSUANT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 36(B) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AS AMENDED, WE ARE RETRANSMITTING UNDER SEPARATE COVER TRANSMITTAL NO. 75-40A, CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY'S PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER TO JORDAN FOR THE HAWK AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM.

WHEN THIS 20 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD EXPIRES, WE WILL RESUBMIT THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 36(B) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AS AMENDED, THEREBY PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 20 DAYS IN VIEW OF THE CONGRESS REGULAR AUGUST 1975 RECESS. WE WILL ALSO, ON THE EXPIRATION OF THAT 20 DAY PERIOD, RESUBMIT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 20 DAYS TO INSURE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AFTER THE AUGUST RECESS. SINCERELY, H. -M. FISH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, SECURITY ASSISTANCE. END TEXT B. INGERSOLL

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